UNDATED | REUSABLE | BELGIUM

MY VEGAN TERRACE GARDEN

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

A living gardening planner for containers, balconies and terraces

GARDENER _____

YEAR _____

Grow gently. Eat joyfully. Celebrate every new flower.

How to use this living calendar

Fill it in by hand, print a fresh copy each year, and let the weather guide the exact timing.

1. CHOOSE THE YEAR

Write the year on the cover and on each monthly page. The calendar boxes are intentionally undated.

2. ADD THE DATES

Use the empty circle in each day box for the date number. Every month has six rows, so every year fits.

3. FOLLOW THE SEASON

Use the monthly gardening guide as a starting point. Belgian weather can move a job by 1-2 weeks.

4. MAKE IT YOURS

Add sowing dates, watering notes, harvests, weather, garden wins and what you want to change next year.

Your simple care rhythm

EVERY WEEK - MARCH TO OCTOBER

- Check for pests and look under leaves.
- Remove dead or diseased leaves.
- Feel the soil before watering.
- Feed when plants are actively growing.
- Celebrate every new flower.

EVERY MONTH

Clean dusty leaves, rotate pots, prune when needed, take garden photos and write a few honest notes.

The year at a glance

Four garden moods, one continuous cycle.

WINTER

DEC | JAN | FEB

Plan, clean, order seeds and start slow-growing warm-season crops indoors.

SPRING

MAR | APR | MAY

Sow, harden seedlings, build supports and move tender crops outside after frost risk.

SUMMER

JUN | JUL | AUG

Water deeply, feed, tie, inspect and harvest often. The terrace becomes a jungle.

AUTUMN

SEP | OCT | NOV

Gather main crops, sow winter greens, save seeds, protect pots and tidy gently.

The Belgian terrace rule

Your terrace has its own microclimate. Wind, walls, sun exposure and pot size matter as much as the month. Check the forecast, feel the soil and adjust with confidence.

A gentle vegan garden

Grow food with plant-based inputs, thoughtful choices and care for the small life around you.

SOIL

Choose good-quality peat-free compost when available. Reuse healthy potting mix after refreshing its structure and nutrients.

FEED

Look for vegan-labelled or plant-based feeds such as seaweed, comfrey or alfalfa products. Check labels for blood, bone, fishmeal or manure.

PESTS

Inspect early. Use mesh, barriers, hand removal, washing with water and removal of badly affected leaves before stronger interventions.

DIVERSITY

Mix vegetables with herbs and flowers. A varied terrace offers colour, shelter and food for visiting pollinators.

Gentle pest toolbox

- [ ] Check the undersides of leaves every week.
- [ ] Quarantine a heavily affected pot when practical.
- [ ] Use insect mesh or physical barriers on vulnerable crops.
- [ ] Encourage a diverse planting instead of a single-crop terrace.
- [ ] Remove dead material and keep airflow between pots.
- [ ] Choose the least harmful effective method for the specific pest.

Planting timeline

A quick Belgium container-garden guide. Seed packets and local weather always take priority.

CROP	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Chili, pepper, eggplant	I	I	I	·	P	·	H	H	H	·	·	·
Tomato	·	I	I	I	P	·	H	H	H	·	·	·
Lettuce and spinach	·	I	O	O	·	H	·	·	O	O	·	·
Carrot and radish	·	·	O	O	O	H	H	·	·	·	·	·
Peas and beans	·	·	O	O	O	H	H	H	·	·	·	·
Potato	·	·	P	P	·	·	·	H	H	·	·	·
Zucchini and pumpkin	·	·	·	I	P	·	H	H	H	·	·	·
Sweet potato	·	·	·	·	P	·	·	·	H	H	·	·
Garlic	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	P	P	·
Basil and tender herbs	·	I	I	I	P	H	H	H	H	·	·	·
Strawberry	·	·	P	P	·	H	H	·	·	·	·	·

LEGEND

- I Sow indoors
- O Sow outdoors
- P Plant out
- H Harvest

Timing is approximate. Shift jobs when frost, wind, heat or prolonged rain makes your terrace unsuitable.

Companion planting

Friendly combinations that can share a terrace. Good spacing, light and airflow still matter most.

MAIN CROP	GOOD NEIGHBOURS	CONTAINER IDEA
TOMATO	Basil, marigold, lettuce	Tall tomato above, leafy crop near the edge.
PEPPER	Basil, sweet alyssum	Keep the pepper in the warmest sunny position.
BEANS	Nasturtium, lettuce	Use a trellis and let low plants shade the soil.
CARROT	Radish, lettuce	Choose a deep container and avoid overcrowding.
ZUCCHINI	Nasturtium, calendula	Give zucchini its own large pot and place flowers nearby.
STRAWBERRY	Sweet alyssum, lettuce	Let berries reach light and keep the crown dry.

Three terrace rules

- **LIGHT FIRST** Group plants with similar sun needs.
- **ROOT ROOM** One large crop usually needs its own generous container.
- **AIRFLOW** Leaves may touch lightly, but dense wet growth invites disease.

Companion planting supports diversity, but it is not a guaranteed pest shield.

WINTER | MONTH 01

January

Rest, reset and plan the green year ahead.

TO DO

- [ ] Plan this year's vegetable garden.
- [ ] Order seeds.
- [ ] Clean and disinfect pots and tools.
- [ ] Check stored potatoes and bulbs.
- [ ] Care for houseplants: water less and avoid heavy feeding.

SOW INDOORS

- [ ] Chili peppers.
- [ ] Bell peppers.
- [ ] Eggplants.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A BELGIAN TERRACE

Dark Belgian days can slow seedlings. Give warm-season seeds steady warmth and the brightest light you have.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

MONTH 01 | PERPETUAL CALENDAR

January calendar

Fill the empty date circles. This page works in every year.

YEAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

LATE WINTER | MONTH 02

February

Tiny seedlings, big plans.

TO DO

- [ ] Repot houseplants if they are rootbound.
- [ ] Start feeding indoor tropical plants lightly.
- [ ] Prepare soil, pots and grow bags.

SOW INDOORS

- [ ] Tomatoes.
- [ ] Basil.
- [ ] Lettuce.
- [ ] Spinach.
- [ ] Celery.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A BELGIAN TERRACE

Turn seed trays a little every few days so young plants grow evenly toward the light.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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MONTH 02 | PERPETUAL CALENDAR

February calendar

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YEAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

EARLY SPRING | MONTH 03

March

Everything begins to wake up.

TO DO

- [ ] Gradually increase water for houseplants.
- [ ] Harden seedlings outside on mild days.
- [ ] Watch for aphids.

PLANT

- [ ] Strawberries.
- [ ] Potatoes in late March if frost is not severe.

SOW OUTDOORS

- [ ] Carrots.
- [ ] Spinach.
- [ ] Lettuce.
- [ ] Radishes.
- [ ] Peas.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A BELGIAN TERRACE

Spring weather can jump between warm sun and cold rain. Harden seedlings gradually and bring them back in before chilly nights.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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March calendar

YEAR

Fill the empty date circles. This page works in every year.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

SPRING | MONTH 04

April

Fresh leaves, longer days and steady growth.

TO DO

- [ ] Feed actively growing plants regularly.
- [ ] Install supports for tomatoes and beans.
- [ ] Begin weekly pest inspections.

SOW

- [ ] Green beans in late April when conditions are mild.
- [ ] Beetroot.
- [ ] More lettuce for a steady harvest.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A BELGIAN TERRACE

Keep fleece or a sheltered corner ready for tender seedlings when a cold night is forecast.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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April calendar

YEAR

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

LATE SPRING | MONTH 05

May

The terrace transforms into a garden.

TO DO

- [ ] Harden seedlings before transplanting.
- [ ] Shelter new plants from strong wind.
- [ ] Water thoroughly after planting.

PLANT OUTSIDE

- [ ] Tomatoes.
- [ ] Peppers.
- [ ] Eggplants.
- [ ] Pumpkins.
- [ ] Zucchini.
- [ ] Sweet potato slips.

PLANT FLOWERS

- [ ] Nasturtiums.
- [ ] Calendula.
- [ ] Marigolds.
- [ ] Sweet alyssum.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A BELGIAN TERRACE

For tender plants in Belgium, wait until frost risk has passed. Mid-May is a common guide, but your terrace microclimate matters.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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MONTH 05 | PERPETUAL CALENDAR

May calendar

Fill the empty date circles. This page works in every year.

YEAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

EARLY SUMMER · MONTH 03

June

Fast growth and the first generous harvests.

WEEKLY TIPS

- [ ] Water deeply.
- [ ] Feed fruiting vegetables every 1-2 weeks.
- [ ] Tie climbing plants to supports.
- [ ] Remove yellow leaves.
- [ ] Check for spider mites during hot weather.

HARVEST

- [ ] Lettuce.
- [ ] Spinach.
- [ ] Fresh herbs.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A MEDITERRANEAN TERRACE

Water the soil rather than the leaves, preferably in the morning. A mulch layer helps containers hold moisture longer.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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MONTH 06 | PERPETUAL CALENDAR

June calendar

Fill the empty date circles. This page works in every year.

YEAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

SUMMER · MONTH 07

July

The jungle month: lush, busy and delicious.

EARLY WEEK

- [ ] Water almost daily during heat waves.
- [ ] Continue feeding fruiting plants.
- [ ] Inspect leaves and stems for pests.
- [ ] Harvest regularly to keep plants producing.

HARVEST

- [ ] Tomatoes.
- [ ] Beans.
- [ ] Peppers.
- [ ] Zucchini.
- [ ] Fresh herbs.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A VEGAN TERRACE

Check small pots first in hot weather. Afternoon shade can protect roots and leaves on a very exposed terrace.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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July calendar

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YEAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

LATE SUMMER | MONTH 08

August

Peak harvest: gather, share and enjoy.

CONTINUE

- [ ] Harvest often.
- [ ] Remove diseased leaves.
- [ ] Collect mature seeds from flowers.
- [ ] Keep thirsty containers watered and fed.

HARVEST

- [ ] Early potatoes.
- [ ] Tomatoes and summer vegetables.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A BELGIAN TERRACE

Label saved seeds with the plant, variety and year. Let them dry fully before storing in a cool, dry place.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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August calendar

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YEAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

EARLY AUTUMN | MONTH 09

September

A colourful harvest and a fresh start for greens.

HARVEST

- [ ] Pumpkins.
- [ ] Sweet potatoes.
- [ ] Main potatoes.
- [ ] Tomatoes.
- [ ] Peppers.
- [ ] Eggplants.

SOW

- [ ] Spinach.
- [ ] Lamb's lettuce.
- [ ] Winter lettuce.

TO DO

- [ ] Watch the forecast for cold nights.
- [ ] Remove finished plants and refresh containers.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A BELGIAN TERRACE

Warm days can continue, but nights cool quickly. Keep late crops in the sunniest sheltered place.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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September calendar

YEAR

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

AUTUMN | MONTH 10

October

Tidy gently, save seeds and prepare for rest.

TO DO

- [ ] Clear finished plants.
- [ ] Compost healthy plant material.
- [ ] Save fully dry seeds.
- [ ] Bring tender plants indoors.
- [ ] Plant garlic.

CHECK

- [ ] Clean empty pots before storage.
- [ ] Keep diseased leaves out of home compost.
- [ ] Make sure outdoor pots drain freely.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A BELGIAN TERRACE

A clean terrace now means an easier spring. Leave healthy flowers or seed heads when they still offer beauty and shelter.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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October calendar

YEAR

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

LATE AUTUMN · MONTH 11

November

The outdoor garden slows down.

TO DO

- [ ] Mulch outdoor pots.
- [ ] Protect sensitive plants.
- [ ] Reduce watering.
- [ ] Raise pots slightly so drainage holes stay clear.

INDOORS

- [ ] Check houseplants for pests.
- [ ] Move plants closer to available daylight.
- [ ] Wipe dusty leaves gently.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A BELGIAN TERRACE

Cold, wet compost is riskier than cool, slightly dry compost. Always feel the soil before watering.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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November calendar

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YEAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

WINTER | MONTH 12

December

Pause, appreciate and dream about next season.

TO DO

- [ ] Enjoy and care for houseplants.
- [ ] Browse seed catalogues.
- [ ] Review this year's garden notes.
- [ ] Dream about next season's bigger jungle.

SLOW GARDEN MOMENTS

- [ ] Sort labels and seed packets.
- [ ] Sketch a new terrace layout.
- [ ] Drink hot chocolate while looking at the sleeping garden.

MONTHLY NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

THIS MONTH ON A BELGIAN TERRACE

Celebrate what grew, what you learned and every flower that surprised you. A garden is never a test - it is a conversation.

MY 3 FOCUS ITEMS

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MONTH 12 | PERPETUAL CALENDAR

December calendar

YEAR

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

WEATHER NOTES

GARDEN WINS

NEXT MONTH

Seed and plant inventory

Know what you have before the seed-catalogue excitement begins.

CROP	VARIETY	QTY	YEAR	NOTES

SEED-SHOPPING RULE

Buy for the space and light you actually have - then leave room for one irresistible surprise.

Harvest log

Record the food, the flavour and the small victories.

DATE	CROP	AMOUNT	TASTE	NOTES

GARDEN WIN

The first tomato counts. Three beans count. A handful of herbs counts. Write it down and celebrate it.

Next season's bigger jungle

Keep what worked, change what did not, and leave room for one wild new idea.

KEEP	CHANGE	TRY

Dream garden notes

Spring: everything wakes. Summer: everything grows.
Autumn: look at all this food. Winter: dream again.